

## **Texas Health Ministries Network (THMN)**

**Purpose:** Promote a statewide network with regional contacts in Texas for health promotion education and access to resources and maintain a database of faith community nurses and health ministers in Texas.

### ***Spirit of Texas***



## **August 2021**

**THMN Meetings, Minutes & Education**  
***Words of Encouragement***  
***THMN Membership Application***  
***Articles & Resources***  
***Primary Emphasis: Summer***  
***Website for THMN***

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/library/nursing.shtm> (for calendar of THMN events, etc.)

**National Health Ministries  
Association, [www.hmassoc.org](http://www.hmassoc.org)**  
1-800-723-4291

**Nurse Resource Center-Westberg  
Institute for Faith Community  
Nursing**

[www.westberginstitute.org](http://www.westberginstitute.org)

**THMN Officers 2019-2021**

**Send your stories for the THMN  
newsletter to:**

[dorothy.chesley@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:dorothy.chesley@dshs.texas.gov)

**Words of Encouragement**

## **Texas Health Ministries Network October 2021 Meeting**

The THMN fall meeting will be conducted virtually.

Texas Health Ministries Network members will receive a October virtual business meeting announcement by email. To join the THMN see the membership application form on the last page of this newsletter. If you need help with the cost, contact [rita.carlson@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:rita.carlson@dshs.texas.gov).

Baptist Hospitals of Southeast Texas sponsors **Faith Community Nurse Teleconferences**. Contact: [Rebekah.Seymour@bhset.net](mailto:Rebekah.Seymour@bhset.net) or 409-212-5648

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Congregational Health Ministries Coordinator  
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Below is the website via gratis by the \*\*\*Texas Department State Health Services (DSHS) that relates to health ministry. Rita Carlson and Dorothy Chesley have worked with Anne Tarpey and Denise Bortolussi, DSHS librarians, to update the information. Rita updates the calendar on a regular basis. And scroll past the calendar to see the THMN listings. **Please visit** this site and let us know what you like, dislike or want added. DSHS has graciously provided this resource for Texas health ministry.

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/library/nursing.shtm>

## **Words of Encouragement**

by Andrea C. Davis Contributing writer

In reflection, what do we love about the season of summer? Last year, we had an usual time of spending summer indoors or with less people with us if outside. This year as we enjoy various summer activities with less restrictions due to the pandemic, we rest comfortably assured of the love and protection of our Lord. Enjoy the prayer - Come Summer With Me:

Come summer with me, Lord;  
summer deep down in my soul;  
restore my faith in summer's time,  
in rest, in joy, in play, in you...

Summer in my heart, Lord,  
and dwell there  
as if time would never end,  
as if all time were children's time, eternal time  
when school is always out and joy is ever in...

And let others summer in my shade, Lord,  
and share whatever summer's peace is mine to give,  
whatever summer's light is mine to shed,  
whatever summer's warmth is mine to share...

Good God of every season and every day this week,  
come summer with me, Lord, and let the child in my heart  
spend this summer in your love... Amen. (A prayer by Fr. Austin Fleming).

## **Department of State Health Services (DSHS)**

### **COVID-19 Vaccine Information**

Visit the DSHS website for the latest information on Covid-19. It is updated routinely.

<https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/immunize/vaccine.aspx>

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/#prevent>

*Announcing the*



Westberg Institute  
for Faith Community Nursing

## 2021 Faith Community Nurse Census

It's time to make your voice heard!

Join the Westberg Institute and nurses around the world in gathering information about our specialty practice.

Visit <https://form.jotform.com/210486969811062> to complete the census and add your name to the Registry.

## HMA 2021 National Conference

As a health ministry organization, we want to acknowledge this difficult time and allow conference attendees to focus on staying well, serving others, and recovering from this crisis. With this in mind we have decided to have the 2021 National Conference as Virtual.

***One Voice, One Vision: Wisdom for Healthier Communities***

HMA\_2021\_Conference\_Brochure\_Final-8c.pdf

<https://hmassoc.org/news-events/upcoming-conference/>

### **TMF Resources and Learning Opportunities!**

Texas Medical Foundation website: <https://tmfnetworks.org/> to be connected to our resources and learning opportunities.

### **TMF Resources and Learning Opportunities!**

To join TMF for webinars. Create an account (no cost) on the TMF website: <https://tmfnetworks.org/> to be connected to resources and learning opportunities.

## **Working in Medina County during COVID to Promote the Vaccine**

Barbara Brennan-West (WN Hondo, TX) and Georjean Burnell (WN Devine, TX) have been working with the Medina County Health Unit Director Tricia Mechler, RN, BSN

- The WNs have assisted by providing pre and post vaccination education and assisting in monitoring participants post vaccination for s/s of side effects/reactions
- Overall the county has assisted in vaccinating over 40% of Medina county residents and the WNs continue to reach out to those in the community that may have barriers preventing them from getting vaccinated such as transportation
- They continue to help educate those in our community that are hesitant to receive the vaccine.

Shared by **Patricia Villarreal, RN** | Wesley Nurse District Manager

## **Faith and Community Health** (Texas Health, BS&W)

Texas Hospitals

July/August 2021

By Emily A. Cheslock

**Beliefs and practices grounded in spiritual traditions impact** health.



Faith and  
Community Health\_1

[https://www.tha.org/TexasHospitalsMagazine/JulyAugust2021/Faith-and-Community-Health?utm\\_source=MagnetMail&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=DavidTesmer@TexasHealth.org&utm\\_content=TxHospitals%3A%20July%2FAug%202021&utm\\_campaign=%5BTexas%20Hospitals%20Magazine%5D%20Inside%20a%20Perilous%20Session%3A%20Hospitals%20Triumph%20Amid%20Turbulence](https://www.tha.org/TexasHospitalsMagazine/JulyAugust2021/Faith-and-Community-Health?utm_source=MagnetMail&utm_medium=email&utm_term=DavidTesmer@TexasHealth.org&utm_content=TxHospitals%3A%20July%2FAug%202021&utm_campaign=%5BTexas%20Hospitals%20Magazine%5D%20Inside%20a%20Perilous%20Session%3A%20Hospitals%20Triumph%20Amid%20Turbulence)

Shared by Caryn Paulos

## **Grant**

Hi Texercise partners,

I wanted to share the following grant opportunity relating to COVID-19 vaccinations. The Texas Vaccine Outreach and Education Grant program, is a partnership between Texas A&M Health and the Texas Department of State Health Services Immunization Unit to fund strategies that ensure greater knowledge of and access to COVID-19 vaccines by those disproportionately affected by COVID-19.

Community-based organizations (CBOs) will be awarded funds up to \$150,000 to engage their community in proactive COVID-19 vaccine education and outreach

activities with the goal of increasing the number of people fully vaccinated for COVID-19 in Texas.

If you could spread the word through your newsletters/listservs and to any community groups that you think might be interested in that would be great! For interested parties please direct them to learn more about this grant opportunity at: <https://health.tamu.edu/vaccinegrant.html>

This Friday, August 6th beginning at 10am Program administrators will hold a conference call to answer any questions interested groups may have. To attend the Texas Vaccine Outreach and Education Grants Applicant Conference Call people can register here: [Texas Vaccine Outreach and Education Grants Applicant Conference Call](#).

Chelsea Couch (she,her), CHES, CTCM

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**To age and live well visit:** [www.texercise.com](http://www.texercise.com)

### **COVID-19 Vaccine Communication Tools**

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/tools/vaccine-comm.aspx>

Get your Covid-10 Vaccine Toolkit from the Texas Health and Human Services.

### **Vaccine Program**

Dear Texercise Partner,

Texas Health and Human Services Commission is committed to connecting older Texans and Texans with disabilities (including people who are homebound, have limited transportation options) with resources for accessing COVID-19 vaccinations. Resources include:

- **State Mobile Vaccine Program** provides a way for Texas businesses and people who are homebound to schedule mobile vaccinations.
  - *Texas businesses or civic organizations* with five or more employees, visitors, or members who voluntarily choose to be vaccinated. Call 844-90-TEXAS (844-908-3927) and select Option 3 to schedule a visit from a state mobile vaccine team.

- *Texans who are homebound* can call the same number and select **Option 1** to request a state mobile vaccination team to come to their home.
- **Texas Public Health Vaccine Scheduler** The new Texas Vaccine Scheduler helps Texans get scheduled for a COVID-19 vaccine at clinics hosted by participating Texas public health entities. Register online at [GetTheVaccine.dshs.texas.gov](https://GetTheVaccine.dshs.texas.gov) and you will be notified by email or text on the specifics to get the vaccine. If there's not a clinic near you, you will be directed to other sites to get a vaccine.
- **Disability Rights Texas Hotline (DRTx Vaccine Hotline)** provides assistance to people with disabilities needing assistance in accessing COVID-19 vaccine. Contact the DRTx Vaccine Hotline at 1-800-880-8401 or email at [vaccine@DRTx.org](mailto:vaccine@DRTx.org).
- **Vaccines.gov** is the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website that provides an array of options to help people find local vaccines including a search option on the website, a tollfree line for people with limited/no internet and a text option.
  - Visit [Vaccines.gov](https://Vaccines.gov) to search for a vaccine.
  - Call toll free: 1.800.232.0233 (TTY 888.720.7489)
  - Text your ZIP code to
    - **GETVAX** (438829) for English
    - **VACUNA** (822862) for Spanish
- **Disability Information and Access Line (DIAL)** 888-677-1199 is a toll free national hotline that connects callers with information on accessing the COVID-19 vaccine and related supports for people with disabilities.
- **Retail Pharmacy Program** is a federal program that is doubling the amount of pharmacies receiving the vaccine. Visit [CDC's Federal Retail Pharmacy Program website](#) to find out which pharmacies are participating.
- **Transportation Assistance** through Lyft and Uber.
  - **Lyft** is providing ride codes specifically for older adults for up to \$25 (each way) to their vaccine appointment. Older adults can

use **SENIORVAX1** when scheduling a ride for their first dose and **SENIORVAX2** when scheduling a ride for their second dose.

- **Uber** is offering up to \$25 for rides (each way) to vaccination sites. Visit <https://www.uber.com/us/en/coronavirus/> to learn more about scheduling a ride to a vaccination site.

For a full list of tools and resources to help you or someone you know sign up to receive a vaccine visit [Texas Department of State Health Services COVID-19 Vaccine Information](#).

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### **Resources from Emory University**

<https://ihpemory.org/covid-19-resources/>

### ***Putting Men's Health Care Disparities on the Map: Examining Racial and Ethnic Disparities at the State Level***

Publisher: Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation

Abstract

This report finds that men of color in almost every state continue to fare worse than white men on a variety of measures of health, health care access, and other social determinants of health. It documents the persistence of such disparities between white men and men of color -- and among different groups within men of color -- on 22 indicators of health and well-being, including rates of diseases such as AIDS, cancer, heart disease, and diabetes, as well as insurance coverage and health screenings. It also catalogs disparities in factors that influence health and access to care such as income and education.

[https://1455.sydneyplus.com/final/Portal/Default.aspx?component=AAAIIY&record=06d4ba3d-a314-43b9-b785-dc348311ed1e&utm\\_campaign=fyi\\_newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://1455.sydneyplus.com/final/Portal/Default.aspx?component=AAAIIY&record=06d4ba3d-a314-43b9-b785-dc348311ed1e&utm_campaign=fyi_newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

### **Resources from the Office of Minority Health**

To learn more about the OMHRC Knowledge Center, visit the website at <https://minorityhealth.hhs.gov/knowledgecenter> or please call 1-800-444-6472 for assistance.

## **Womens Health**

Visit [Womenshealth.gov/nwhw](https://www.womenshealth.gov/nwhw) and download the NWHW fact sheet.

### **10 Things to Know About Breast Cancer**

See what every woman should know about breast cancer. Discover the signs of breast cancer as well as other crucial facts. [Read more...](#)

[https://www.medicinenet.com/breast\\_cancer\\_and\\_young\\_women\\_pictures\\_slideshow/article.htm?ecd=mn1\\_spc\\_070721](https://www.medicinenet.com/breast_cancer_and_young_women_pictures_slideshow/article.htm?ecd=mn1_spc_070721)

### **Cervical Cancer and HPV**

[https://www.onhealth.com/content/1/cervical\\_cancer?ecd=mn1\\_spc\\_070721](https://www.onhealth.com/content/1/cervical_cancer?ecd=mn1_spc_070721)

**Fully Vaccinated? Your Latest Activity Guidance from CDC** The best thing about being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 is that you are at far lower risk to get hospitalized or die from a deadly disease. The other best thing? You can get back to the activities and life you've been missing since the pandemic began. [Read the latest guidance](#) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunize/Immunization-News/The-Upshot/Fully-Vaccinated--Your-Latest-Activity-Guidance-from-CDC/>

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The Spiritual Care Association (SCA) is the first multidisciplinary, international professional membership association for spiritual care providers that includes a comprehensive evidence-based model that defines, delivers, trains and tests for the provision of high-quality spiritual care. SCA, with offices in New York and Los Angeles, is a nonprofit affiliate of HealthCare Chaplaincy Network, a global nonprofit organization focused on spiritual-related clinical care, research and education.

Visit [www.SpiritualCareAssociation.org](http://www.SpiritualCareAssociation.org), call 212-644-1111, follow on [Twitter](#) or connect on [Facebook](#).



# FIND HELP PAYING FOR MEDICAL CARE



Texas has four state-wide programs aimed at providing low-income, uninsured women with access to free medical care.



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As part of the broader goal of increasing access to care for mothers and babies in Texas, the Texas Collaborative for Healthy Mothers and Babies has developed a reference sheet to empower frontline workers in assisting low-income, uninsured women in Texas who may qualify for the main public healthcare coverage programs (Medicaid for Pregnant Women, CHIP-Perinatal, Healthy Texas Women and the Family Planning Program).

The reference sheet is intended to help close knowledge gaps, encourage greater utilization of available resources, and increase access to healthcare. It has been developed in collaboration with stakeholders through an ongoing co-design process that has included focus groups, interviews, and a dedicated workgroup.

[Download Reference Sheet - English \[utsystem.us14.list-manage.com\]](#)

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## ITCHY PLANTS

By now you should have noticed that poison ivy, poison oak and poison sumac are everywhere. They grow in wooded places across Texas. Poison Ivy and poison oak grow as vines or shrub and poison sumac is usually a shrub or tree. They say "leaves of three, leave it be" but that only applies to poison ivy and poison oak. Poison Sumac leaves grow in clusters of 7-13 leaves with one by itself at the end.

Technically speaking, the plants aren't really poisonous but rather carry a sticky oil called urushiol, that causes the itchy, blistering rash after it comes in contact with the skin. Even the slightest contact like brushing up against the leaves, can cause a reaction to the skin. The rash usually shows up in the first 24-72 hours, peaks within a week, and can last for up to 3 weeks.

In rare cases, people develop a more severe reaction to poison ivy called "Black-Spot Poison Ivy," which causes black spots or streaks to the skin. This is caused when an uncommon reaction between the urushiol sap and exposure to oxygen and moisture, comes in contact with the skin.

To protect yourself, consider the following:

- Keep your skin covered to avoid contact with these plants.
- Wear a long-sleeved shirt, long pants, gloves, and closed shoes if you're in an area where they grow
- Urushiol begins to stick within minutes. If you know you've made contact with poison ivy, oak, or sumac, wash the area with lukewarm water and soap ASAP.



## WESTERN DIAMONDBACK RATTLESNAKE



There are four kinds of venomous snakes in Texas: coral snakes, copperheads, cottonmouths (water moccasins) and rattlesnakes. In this newsletter we will focus on the infamous Western Diamondback Rattlesnake.

In Texas, there are 10 species of rattlesnakes. The Western Diamondback Rattlesnake easily rates as one of the most dangerous snakes in the U.S. This species causes more fatalities than any other snake in the United States. It's venom is considered to be Hemotoxic, which means it affects the blood and can damage the tissue.

**Appearance:**

- Heavy-bodied snake
- Triangular-shaped head
- Two dark diagonal lines on each side of its face running from the eyes to its jaws
- Dark diamond-shaped patterns along its back
- The tail has black and white bands just above the rattles
- Adults vary between 32-74 inches (81-188 cm) on average

**Symptoms:**

- Intense pain
- Edema & swelling
- Bleeding disorders
- Numbness & weakness
- Increase heart rate, vomiting & confusion

**Treatment:**

- Call the Poison Center at 1-800-222-1222 for instructions on all snakebites.
- *All snakebites should be examined and treated by a physician*
- If bitten, note time of the bite, remove jewelry or other items that might constrict swelling, and remain calm.
- Do not try to capture the snake.
- Do not cut the wound and try to extract the venom.
- Do not use ice or a tourniquet.
- Do not take pain relievers or other medications without first seeking medical advice. Do not drink alcohol.

Texas poison centers need your help!  
We want to learn more about YOU & those we serve,  
take our needs assessment survey found on the homepage of our website  
[\[r20.rs6.net\]](http://r20.rs6.net) [www.poisoncontrol.org](http://www.poisoncontrol.org) [\[r20.rs6.net\]](http://r20.rs6.net)



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[Check out the Texas Poison Center Network's Blog \[r20.rs6.net\]](http://r20.rs6.net)

## Diabetes News You Can Use – August 2021

08/02/2021

Welcome to the DSHS *Diabetes News You Can Use* bulletin. We highlight information and news related to diabetes. You are receiving this message because you have subscribed to the free DSHS Diabetes email list.

### August is National Breastfeeding Month

- [Breastfeeding and Women with Gestational Diabetes](#)
- [How Breastfeeding Affects Childhood Autoimmunity, Allergies, and Overweight](#)
- [Insulin Resistance in Obese Children and Adolescents in Relation to Breastfeeding Duration](#)

### September is National Cholesterol Education Month

- [Improving Statin Treatment to Reduce LDL-Cholesterol for People with and without Type 2 Diabetes](#)
- [Aerobic Training Impacts on Blood Cholesterol of Women with Gestational Diabetes](#)
- [LDL Cholesterol Level as a Risk Factor for Retinopathy and Nephropathy in Young People with Type 1 Diabetes](#)

### October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

- [Body Mass Index and Cancer Risk in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes](#)
- [Improving Lifestyle Behaviors after Breast Cancer Treatment among African American Women with and without Diabetes: Role of Health Care Professionals](#)

- [Chronic Disease Management and Health Outcomes in a Cohort of Black Women with Breast Cancer](#)

#### Free Education and Resources

- Online Course: [Innovating Decisions and Empowering Action in Diabetes Management \(IDEA\)](#)
- Webinar: [Diabetes Prevention Strategies: Evidence, Experiences, and Outcomes](#)
- Webinar Recordings and Continuing Education Credits: [Indian Health Service Recorded CME/CE Webinars](#)
- Educational Materials: [Diabetes Prevention and Self-Management Education](#)
- [Diabetes in School and Higher Education Settings](#)
- [State and National Resources](#)
- Recipes: [Recipes for All Occasions](#)

#### Could You Have Prediabetes?

- [Take the Prediabetes Risk Test](#)
- [Find a Diabetes Prevention Program](#)

**Do You Have Diabetes?** Find a Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support Program:

- [American Diabetes Association \(ADA\)-Recognized Programs](#)
- [Association of Diabetes Care and Education Specialists \(ADCES\)-Accredited Programs](#)

*Diabetes News You Can Use* is a free news bulletin of the Texas Department of State Health Services. It is compiled by the [Diabetes Prevention and Control Program](#). The articles and hyperlinks to external websites appearing in *Diabetes News You Can Use* are intended to be informational and do not represent an endorsement by the Texas Department of State Health Services. Other websites may not be accessible to people with disabilities. For more information about any of the items listed, please contact the sponsoring organization directly.

# Join Conference Call to Learn More About COVID-19 Community Grant Program

**EVENT:** Texas Vaccine Outreach and Education Grants Applicant Conference Call

**DATE/TIME:** August 6, 2021; 10 a.m.

## **[REGISTRATION LINK](#)**

### **DETAILS:**

To support local organizations promoting COVID-19 vaccinations in Texas, the Texas Department of State Health Services has launched the Texas Vaccine Outreach and Education Grant program.

The program, a partnership between DSHS and the Texas A&M University Health Science Center, will provide grants of \$50,000 to \$150,000 to a wide range of groups engaged in vaccine education with the goal of increasing the number of fully vaccinated Texans and slowing the spread of COVID-19 in the state.

Program administrators will hold a conference call on **Aug. 6, 2021**, at **10 a.m.** to answer any questions you may have.

Please register to attend: [Texas Vaccine Outreach and Education Grants Applicant Conference Call](#).

Texas organizations can submit proposals with award notifications expected to begin around the end of August. Priority will be given to applicants that focus on reaching rural communities, communities of color and Texans with disabilities.

To learn more about the program, eligibility and how to apply, please visit <https://health.tamu.edu/vaccinegrant.html>.

### **Texas Health Ministry Network Minutes-Business Meeting**

**Location:** ZOOM; Friday, 5/21/2021

**Business Meeting - 11 am – 12:00 pm – Zoom**

**Education Webinar – 12:05 pm – 1:05 pm - Zoom**

11:00-12:00 Business Meeting – Sponsored by Methodist Healthcare Ministries graciously hosted this meeting. Caryn Paulos, President opened the meeting with a devotional and prayer. Minutes from our 2/26/21 meeting were reviewed. Lucina Kimpel made the motion to approve the minutes and Joan Appleton 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

**Financial Report:** Sandra Gaskin shared that our present business account balance is \$12,037.77

**Membership Report:** Rita Carlson-According to THMN Membership Rita emailed an updated roster this week and there are 56 individual memberships and 3 corporate members. For those who intend to join or renew, please send in your membership as soon as possible to Rita Carlson, 600 Leah Ave #303, San Marcos, TX 78666. Individual membership is \$20.00, sponsoring a membership is a 10.00 donation, and Corporate is \$90.00 (for up to 5 members). Make checks payable to **Texas Health Ministries Network (THMN)**. Some funds have been donated to sponsor members who are unable to afford the membership dues.

**Newsletter:** Dorothy Chesley currently resides in Amarillo and is continuing with our newsletter. Continue submitting articles to Dorothy Chesley ([dorothy.chesley@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:dorothy.chesley@dshs.texas.gov)). Let her know of programs and events in your communities, especially stories about things done during COVID that can be included in the newsletter. Upcoming Newsletter Deadlines: June 1st, September 1st, and December 1st

**Scholarships:** Dorothy Chesley will be stepping down from this committee and Linda Schoene has volunteered to fill this committee membership spot. She has asked for any forms, etc. pertaining to scholarships and applications for scholarships to be forwarded to her. Scholarships are available for the Faith Community Nursing basic course and HMA conference and Westberg Symposium. Caryn mentioned that maybe a scholarship for the FCN Coordinator Course can be offered, but she is unaware if anything has passed on a motion to include in the scholarship programs. That content needs to be researched and revisited at a future meeting. No applications have been submitted yet.

**Nominating Committee:** Rita volunteered to help with this committee. They generally “meet” via email. The committee is in action every other year to nominate officers for a 2 year term and this is not a large committee. We need more volunteers to help with the nominating committee. Minette Gaytan and Joan Appleton volunteered to serve. A motion was made by Denise Brown to accept these 3 volunteers with Gaye Harwell seconding the motion. Motion carried.

**Education Opportunities:** Webinar Presentation (today at 1pm)-Rebekah Seymour of Baptist Hospitals of Southeast Texas hosted the CEU webinar, “A Faith Based Response to Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation in the Older Adult”. Presenter: Elizabeth M. Long, DNP, APRN-BC, CNS, Faith Community Nurse The next FCN Foundations course will start July 9th. Becky with the Baptist Hospital system is also offering this course. There are other opportunities shared including those listed here:

TMF has 2 upcoming opportunities: “COVID-19, Health Equity and Vaccine Hesitancy”

<https://tmfnetworks.org/link?u=44cce3>

“A Health Equity Perspective on Loneliness, Mental Health and COVID-19”

<https://tmfnetworks.org/link?u=c660d2>

“Vaccine Change Packages for COVID-19, Flu and Pneumonia”

<https://tmfnet.org/Coronavirus/Vaccinations-Building-Immunity/Change-Packages-for-COVID-19-Flu-and-Pneumonia>

**Activities:** Caryn will be providing a presentation about the THMN to the Local & Regional leadership group of the Department of State Health Services (DSHS). She would like to share with them what FCNs have been doing during the COVID pandemic. COVID stories



were shared during this meeting by some of our members present. Ann was asked to share published Wesley Nurse stories from our MHM newsletter with Dorothy.

**Faith Community Nurse Teleconferences** continue through Baptist Hospitals of Southeast Texas: register with Becky Seymour: [rebekah.seymour@bhset.net](mailto:rebekah.seymour@bhset.net)

**Presentation today:** COVID-19 Vaccine: History, Myths and Steps Forward, Donnelle D. Storrs, DPNM APRN, RN-BC, FNP-BC; Wesley Nurse at Methodist Healthcare Ministries  
There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

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